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TO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW IMMEDIATE

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1. REQUEST EMBASSY TRANSMIT FOLLOWING MESSAGE ON URGENT BASIS
TO HYDROMET FOR RELAY TO DR. M. E. BERLYAND, CHIEF, MAIN GEOPHYSICAL
LABORATORY, LENINGRAD.

2. BEGIN TEXT: " DEAR DR. BERLYAND: YOUR LETTER OF APRIL 16,
TRANSMITTED THROUGH YOUR EMBASSY, HAS JUST BEEN RECEIVED TODAY.
WE ARE PLEASED THAT THE SOVIET DELEGATION AGREES WITH THE AGENDA
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FOR DISCUSSIONS AND THE ITINERARY WHICH HAS BEEN ARRANGED. THROUGH A SEPARATE MESSAGE FROM OUR EMBASSY IN MOSCOW, WE HAVE ALSO JUST LEARNED OF MR. PETROV'S ILLNESS AND HOPE THAT HE WILL HAVE A SPEEDY RECOVERY PERMITTING HIM TO JOIN THE DELEGATION. IF THAT IS NOT POSSIBLE, WE WILL BE PLEASED TO MEET MR. NAZAROV INSTEAD.

3. AS FOR THE EXPENSES WHICH WE WILL COVER DURING THE DELEGATION'S VISIT, WE WILL PAY FOR ALL LODGING, TRANSPORTATION, INTERPRETERS, AND CULTURAL EVENTS DIRECTLY. OUR STATUTORY AUTHORITY TO PAY FOR MEALS IS LIMITED TO TEN DOLLARS PER DAY, WHICH WE WILL GIVE TO THE DELEGATION MEMBERS IN CASH; HOWEVER, WE WILL SUPPLEMENT THIS BY HOSTING VARIOUS MEALS AND RECEPTIONS AND BY ARRANGING AIR TRAVEL DURING MEAL HOURS, WHEN EXCELLENT DINNERS ARE PROVIDED. WE SHOULD ALSO POINT OUT THAT AN EPA PERSON TRAVELLING IN THE US MAY RECEIVE A MAXIMUM OF \$25 PER DAY FOR ALL EXPENSES, WHILE THE PER DIEM FOR MOSCOW IS \$40 PER DAY, THUS REFLECTING A LOWER COST OF LIVING HERE (ALTHOUGH ADMITTEDLY THERE ARE A FEW EXCEPTIONS, SUCH AS NEW YORK). IN BALANCE, THEN, WE ARE ARRANGING FOR THE SOVIET DELEGATION TO RECEIVE MORE THAN THE EXACT OFFICIAL DOLLAR EQUIVALENT OF THE TEN RUBLES WHICH ARE PROVIDED WHEN WE VISIT YOUR COUNTRY. YOU WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO JUDGE THIS FOR YOURSELF, AND THE MATTER CAN BE DISCUSSED FURTHER, IF NECESSARY, BY DR. ISRAEL WHEN HE VISITS CHAIRMAN TRAIN NEXT MONTH.

4. ONE IMPORTANT CHANGE SINCE MY LAST LETTER CONCERNS TRANSPORTATION. WE NOW HAVE AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION FROM NEW YORK TO WASHINGTON FOR THE DELEGATION. ACCORDINGLY, WE WILL HAVE AN EPA REPRESENTATIVE MEET THE DELEGATION AT J.F.K. AIRPORT TO ESCORT THEM TO ANOTHER TERMINAL, AND TO PROVIDE THE TICKETS FOR THE FLIGHT TO WASHINGTON. TRANSPORTATION WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED FOR THE DELEGATION TO NEW YORK ON MAY 23 IN TIME TO MAKE THE CONNECTION TO AEROFLOT 312.

5. WE ARE TAKING INTO ACCOUNT YOUR MENTION OF AEROSOLS AND HYGIENIC NORMS, AND WILL ARRANGE FOR SUITABLE COVERAGE OF THESE ITEMS DURING THE DELEGATION'S VISIT.

6. WE LOOK FORWARD TO GREETING THE SOVIET DELEGATION IN JUST A FEW DAYS AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY, TO THE TIME WHEN YOU CAN
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HAVE FIRST-HAND KNOWLEDGE OF OUR FACILITIES AND ACTIVITIES AS CHAIRMAN OF THE SOVIET SIDE OF OUR JOINT WORKING GROUP. WITH ALL BEST WISHES, HERBERT WISER, PH. D. "
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